

With respect to Group II, the Applicants respectfully elect for search purposes the species wherein the fibrous protein is silk. Claims 16-23 read on the elected species.

With respect to Group V, the Applicants respectfully elect for search purposes the species wherein the fibrous protein is silk. Claims 42-46 read on the elected species..

Of course, the election of species made herein is made solely for search purposes. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute species not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application. Furthermore, the Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species or product claims which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. *See* 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe no fee is required in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any and all required fees to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, reference TUV-031.01**. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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